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1. At 0610 hours on 31 August seven naval vessels were proceeding on file on a straight course off Woosung. One was a large vessel with two narrow funnels and the remaining six were small vessels. The last two ships in the convoy appeared to be merchant ships with one large funnel and two masts. The last two ships carried lifeboats both fore and aft of the funnel.
2. At 0645 hours there were two Chinese Communist naval vessels anchored off the Woosung lighthouse. The lighthouse was not in operation; instead, a signal boat was in use. The two ships appeared to be approximately 100 feet long and between 600 and 700 tons. Each vessel had a gun at the bow and appeared to have a heavy machine gun mounted at the stern.
3. At 0730 hours several vessels arrived at the quarantine station. The ship entered the harbor at 0900 hours and docked at the Taikoo Wharf (B & S) along the Bund at 1130 hours.
4. At 1005 hours one large naval vessel was anchored at buoy 41. It had two funnels, two guns at the bow and one gun at the stern. The bow guns were mounted in turrets and were placed one forward of the other. The gun in the rear turret had a higher elevation than the forward one. The vessel was about 200 feet long, between 1,700 and 2,000 tons, and had a square stern. Two naval craft were anchored at buoys 38 and 40. They were similar to the vessel described above but smaller in size.
5. On 31 August there were two Chinese Communist naval craft anchored alongside each other at the Yangtzepoo Pier. The two craft, one of which was longer than the other, had only one gun visible. A covering, resembling a white cloth, was wrapped around the funnels which appeared to be damaged. The hulls looked rusted from exposure to the sea water. There were many sailors on deck.

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7. At 1100 hours on 1 September the vessel departed Shanghai and arrived at Taku Bar at 1225 hours on 4 September. The vessel took on a navigator and proceeded to Tientsin and docked at the Chao Shang Chu (2156/0794/1444) (CMSNC) pier 2.
8. At Taku Bar there were two tugboats belonging to the Harbor Bureau and a Soviet vessel docked at pier 5, Unlike the other piers, the pier at which the Soviet vessel was berthed was guarded by soldiers. A merchant vessel of 3 - 4,000 tons was berthed at the Chao Shang Chu pier.
9. At 1000 hours on 6 September the vessel departed Tientsin for Shanghai. The vessel took on the Shanghai navigator at 1145 hours on 9 September and the vessel was docked at the Taikoo Wharf at 1600 hours.
10. On 9 September the large naval vessel at buoy 41 was still there. At 1600 hours on 10 September the vessel was not at the buoy.
11. Passenger trains from Shanghai to Hangchow were reduced to two a day on 5, 6 and 7 September. Trains were scheduled to depart at 1040 and 1517 hours on these days.
12. Two guards armed with pistols were recently placed at the entrance of the Soviet Embassy in Shanghai, and six-man teams of soldiers were patrolling the streets each night.
13. The Shanghai newspapers on 9 September reported that Chinese Nationalist aircraft had raided the city the previous night. They stated that many leaflets were dropped over the suburbs and that the planes fled when anti-aircraft guns began firing.
14. The T'ung Chi (3163/6068) Medical College which was founded by American missionaries has been removed from Shanghai to Hankow.

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